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Señor Presidente:

Para citar solo algunos ejemplos, el derecho de autodeterminación del pueblo de Timor Oriental continúa siendo desconocido por el Gobierno de Indonesia con métodos que confinan con el genocidio y en violación de decisiones de las Naciones Unidas; el Pueblo de Guatemala y, en particular su mayoria campesina e indígena, sigue siendo victima de la represión y del despojo de sus tierras ante

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AGENDA ITEM 9

THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION

Mr./Madam Chairperson,

Few things illustrate more vividly the inadvisability of attempting to separate the right to self-determination from other human rights, than the arrest and trial of Xanana Gusmao in Dili. Today, as we speak, this East Timorese resistance leader is being tried. Gusmao, like many other East Timorese, is a political prisoner, in jail for leading his people's struggle for self-determination. Violations of human rights in East Timor, as in many other places, are are a direct consequence of the violation of the right to self-determination.

Everywhere in the world, claims for self-determination are challenging the authority of state governments. Self-determination is the great issue of our time. Yet, discussion is limited to what the right to self-determination meant: not what it should mean in today's changing world. Even less is being done to develop methods for the peaceful implementation of this fundamental right.

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